(c) whether MoU also provide for setting up of a Joint Venture on Defence and Power production and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT): (a) Yes, Sir, India and Russia have concluded the Integrated Long Term Programme (ILTP) of Cooperation in Science and Technology between the Republic of India and the Russian Federation on 3rd October, 2000 in New Delhi.

(b) The agreement provides for establishment of the Indo-Russian Joint Council for ILTP, which is the apex body at bilateral level to steer the programme. The Joint Council has to identify areas of bilateral cooperation, develop / approve joint projects, joint ventures, technology transfer etc. and determine financial terms for their realization. The agreement *inter-alia* provides for conduct of research in Indian and Russian laboratories under jointly identified projects. 146 joint R&D projects have been identified for implementation in the area of mutual interest during the 10th session of Indo-Russian Joint Council for ILTP in Russia in June 2001.

(c) No, Sir.

Match fixing

774. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1433, given in the Rajya Sabha on the 1st December, 2000 and state;

(a) the details of cricketers held, so far, in the match fixing scandal;

(b) where do the cases in this regard stand; and

(c) the steps taken to avoid recrurrence of match fixing incidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI P. RADHAKRISHNAN):(a) to (c) The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) in its Report on Match Fixing and Related Malpractices indicated 5 Cricketers viz; Mohd. Azharuddin, Manoj Prabhakar, Ajay Jadeja, Ajay Sharma and Nayan Mongia. The report was sent to the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) for taking appropriate action against the indicated players, BCCI on the basis of CBI report and the report of Mr. Madhavan Commissioner (Inquiries) appointed by BCCI for Examining the CBI report,

BCCI enforced life ban on Mohd. Azharuddin and 5 years' ban on Ajay Jadeja, Ajay Sharma and Manoj Prabhakar. BCCI exonerated Nayan Mongia. Mohd. Azharuddin and Ajay Jadeja have challenged the decision of BCCI in Civil Court, Hyderabad and High Court of Delhi, respectively.

BCCI had revised its Code of Conduct to achieve higher standards under intimation to the Government. Moreover, Ministry of Law has been asked to study the provisions of Gambling Acts of various States to evolve model amendments for consideration of the States so as to deal with instances such as match fixing effectively.

Rules for Prevention of use Steriods and Cortisons by Players

775. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to frame rules to test and prevent the use of steriods and cortisons by the cricket players before entering into the ground for playing matches; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI P. RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) No, Sir. As per international norms, such rules are prepared by the concerned International Sports Federation/ Association/Board/Council.

(b) Does not arise.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED AND UNSTARRED QUESTIONS SET FOR THE 26TH JULY, 2001*

National Highway-54 in Assam

*61. SHRI PRAKANTA WARISA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have sanctioned and released any amount to begin construction of newly declared National Highway-54 in Assam;

*The sitting of the Rajya Sabha on Thursday, the 26th July, 2001 was adjourned as a mark of respect on memory of Shrimati Phoolan Devi, a sitting Member of Lok Sabha who died on the 25th July, 2001. Answers to Questions put down in the Lists for that day were laid on the Table of the House on Friday, the 27th July, 2001.